FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. \$120

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TO: The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Campaign Practices

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES: \$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill amends Section 8-13-1300, as amended, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to definitions for the purpose of campaign practices, so as to revise the definitions of "committee" and "influence the outcome of an elective office".

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

A review of this Bill by the State Ethics Commission indicates there would no direct impact on the agency's operating expenditures. However, the Commission could potentially incur one-time costs associated with lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the provision. The Commission estimates such potential cost to be in excess of \$100,000.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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